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In re Application of: Thomas C. Naratil
Serial No.: 09/617,853 Examiner: Akers, Geoffrey R
Filed: July 17, 2000 Group Art Unit: 3624
Title: **SYSTEM FOR TRADING FIXED INCOME FINANCIAL
INSTRUMENTS: U.S. TREASURY SECURITIES,
LIQUID AGENCIES AND ZERO COUPON STRIPS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR A ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to extend the time to file a response to the Office Action to August 8, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee associated the one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

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